



## **Be aware of scams**

In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, scams are being used against people recovering from the storm. Be aware that potential scams could come in the form of emails, phone calls or text messages.

Keep these tips in mind when fielding your communication:

- Do not replay to an email, text, or pop-up message that asks for personal or financial information. Even though the Department of Employment and Workforce does require some of your personal information in order to conduct financial transactions with you, we will never ask you to send your social security number or bank information through an email.
- Do not click on any links in an email or text message or cut and paste the link into your browser.
- Do not call a phone number contained in the e-mail or text unless you have been in previous contact with that DEW employee and recognize their name.
- Use antivirus or anti-spyware software and a firewall. Make sure to update them regularly. Phishing emails may contain software that can harm your computer or track your activities on the internet.

Consumers are encouraged to report scams to SCDCA either by calling 844-TELL-DCA (835-5322) or visiting [consumer.sc.gov](http://consumer.sc.gov) and clicking REPORT A SCAM.